



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest Middle School  
 Sumter  
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 416  
 Principal: Tarsha B. Staggers  
 Superintendent: Randolph D. Bynum, Sr.  
 Board Chair: E. Keith Schultz

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

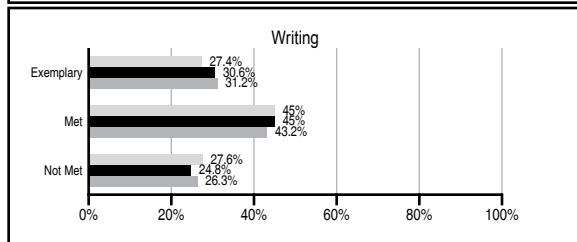
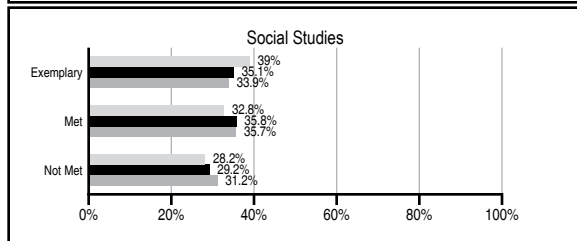
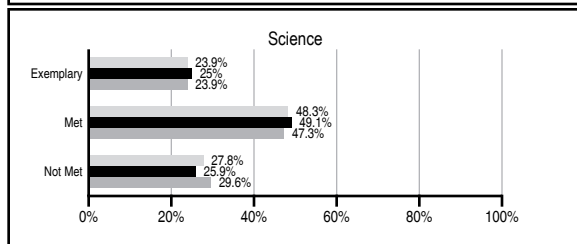
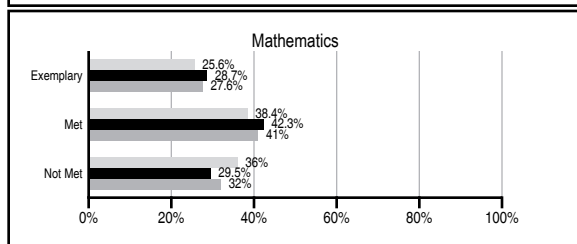
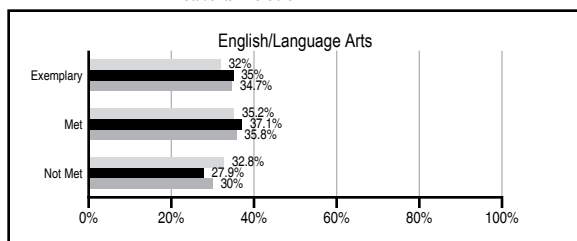
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	21	38	1	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	39	32	27	1
Nation	36	32	29	2
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.1	96.6
English 1	95.7	96.9
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	90.4	96.3

## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=416)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	16.4%	Down from 52.7%	24.1%	24.6%
Retention rate	0.5%	Up from 0.2%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.5%	95.6%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	26.0%	N/A	20.1%	18.5%
With disabilities	15.6%	N/A	14.5%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	7.9%	N/A	5.8%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=22)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.7%	Up from 72.0%	60.0%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	Up from 72.0%	83.3%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Up from 85.6%	87.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.0%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,937	Up 6.2%	\$47,535	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	18.4%	Up from 0.7%	1.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	5.7 days	Down from 9.7 days	8.7 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Up from 21.5 to 1	22.2 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 89.9%	89.3%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 92.3%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,087	Down 16.3%	\$7,117	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.0%	Down from 53.8%	64.5%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.0%	Up from 49.6%	62.0%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	85.7	Down from 88.6	84.4	83.5

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	107	70
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.3%	78.5%	70%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	78.2%	76.6%	67.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	72.7%	80.3%	67.1%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Hillcrest Middle School is located at the intersection of Old Camden Highway and Highway 441 in Dalzell, South Carolina. The school serves a population of approximately 415 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Dalzell, Shaw Air Force Base, and surrounding communities. Our mission is believing, achieving, and succeeding through academics, citizenship, and service. In order to achieve our mission, our primary goal is to increase student achievement as measured by PASS, by maintaining a highly qualified workforce, increasing parental involvement, and creating a safe, secure, and healthy school environment.

With a rich tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and arts, we want to help all students reach their full potential in the classroom and on the playing field. As we hold high expectations for student achievement and discipline, we also nurture our students and ensure they enjoy school. This is evident through quarterly incentives and awards day programs.

Continuing with the tradition of excellence, five students were named junior scholars, two students received perfect scores on PASS, twelve students were honored as Golden Apple Recipients, and ninety-two students received honor roll citations from the House of Representatives, and forty-seven students were enrolled in Algebra I and English I. Teachers were provided opportunities to participate in departmental meetings, workshops, conferences, curriculum focus meetings, and district-level professional development to keep abreast of current trends. Teachers also participated in monthly Common Core Sessions.

In addition to academics, our students are constantly involved in service projects and giving back to the community. Students supported causes such as American Cancer Society, Pennies for Patients, local canned food drives, Breast Cancer Awareness, Catchall Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, and the American Heart Association. We thank the PTA, parents, volunteers, Shaw Air Force Base, and the community for playing an integral part in the success of our school as we continue to exemplify excellence and educate students at the highest levels.

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Saleka Mosquero, SIC Chair

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